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- This communication is responsive to the Request for Continuing Examination and the Preliminary Amendment of April 12, 2004.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-8.
- The drawings filed on 15 November 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - Some*
 - None
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Examiner's Note

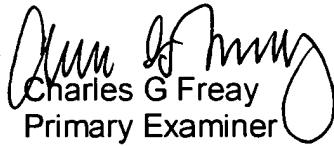
This office action is provided to correct a typographical error present on the previous Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37). Specifically, claims 1-8 were noted as being allowed on the PTOL-37 but claim 2 had been canceled in the amendment of April 12, 2004. The Notice of Allowability provided with this action corrects this error.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles G Freay whose telephone number is 571-272-4827. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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